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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 05453.0037-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) `
Takeshi FUKUDA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1617
Application No.: 09/834,651) Examiner: L. Q. Wells
Filed: April 16, 2001))
For: FLAKY α-ALUMINA PARTICLES AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME) Confirmation No.: 3687)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Applicants submit the following remarks and arguments in reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 5, 2004.

Attachments to this reply include Appendix A.